

## **Equipping the Saints For the Work of the Church**

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### **Kerrville District Leadership Training**

Saturday, January 29, 2011

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church

321 Thompson Drive, Kerrville

### **District Event Offers Opportunities for Learning!**

- ◆ **Equipping the Saints 2011 has a great lineup of workshops and classes. There is something for everyone in your church!**
- ◆ This year, E.T.S. will be in Kerrville. We have plenty of space for plenty of people!
- ◆ Some of our workshops are “old favorites” and some are brand new and exciting.
- ◆ **Our presenters are a great group of talented and experienced lay people and clergy from around the Kerrville District and the Southwest Texas Conference.**
- ◆ We are combining our “Equipping the Saints” training day and our **District Laity Awards Banquet** again this year.

**Turn the page for a complete listing of all the workshops that will be offered!!!**

### **Kerrville District Laity Awards Banquet**

On January 29, 2011, in conjunction with the annual Equipping the Saints workshops, our District Superintendent Rev. Bill Henderson will recognize outstanding United Methodists from all over the district.

Every church was given the opportunity to make nominations for the Bishop’s Exemplar Award, which honors dedicated lay people who serve faithfully, joyfully, and in ways that serve as examples for Christian living. All nominees will be recognized by the Bishop, and are urged to attend.

The celebration will be held at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A great lunch will be provided at a cost of \$12.00 for all who attend.

***An R.S.V.P. is required for lunch. Call the District Office at (830)896-6400 (no later than January 21st).***

That is your only cost for the day since the workshops are free!

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

### ◆ Finance Committee

This session will help church treasurers and Finance Committee members learn the duties and responsibilities of that committee. It will also provide information about apportionments and benevolences.

*Session Leader is Rev. George Joehnk of Methodist Healthcare System. He serves on the SWTC Council on Finance and Administration..*

### ◆ The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

The Discipline of the UMC says that the PPR Committee shall “Confer and counsel with the pastor and staff in making an effective ministry, keeping the pastor and staff advised concerning conditions within the congregation as they affect relationships between the pastor and the people.”

This session, led by Kerrville District Superintendent Rev. Bill Henderson, will give attendees information on how to make this work, and how to do effective pastor evaluations.

*Session leader is Rev. Bill Henderson.. He is the Kerrville District Superintendent.*

### ◆ The Role of the Trustees in the Local Church

What exactly ARE the Trustees supposed to do? Are they the ones that “fix things around the property?” How do the Trustees and the Church Board and the Pastor work together? Are there legal issues involved? These questions and more will be answered in this session.

*Session leader is Larry Harrison, a member of Junction UMC and Chair of the Southwest Texas Conference Board of Trustees*

### ◆ Stewardship/Good Sense

This session will review the four available courses from the “Good Sense Ministry program: “Freed-Up Financial Living”, a short course in financial money management in the home, “Freed-Up from Debt”, a two hour course to aid persons in getting out of credit card debt; “Freed-Up Later Life, a two hour course in planning for beyond 65, and “Raising Financially Freed-Up Kids, a two hour course teaching responsibility for kids at every age. This session will include a complete explanation of

each course along with video clips from the courses along with time for questions..

*Session leader is Ed Engleking, Texas Methodist Foundation Senior Executive Stewardship Consultant. He helps congregations identify their funding needs and design stewardship strategies.*

## EXPANDING DISCIPLESHIP

### ◆ Information Session about District Disaster Response Program

In this session, we’ll discuss the types of incidents our district’s churches are most likely to encounter, and ways a local church can meet the needs of itself, its members, and its community...and what makes it our job. We also will cover resources a local church can put in place now to reduce its own vulnerability to disaster, and resources the church can call on both before and after the incident.

*Session will be led by George Barnette. He is the Kerrville District Disaster Response Coordinator. He is a former FEMA disaster assistance employee and is a semi-retired crisis public communication consultant. George is founder of the Blanco County Disaster Response Group, based at the FUMC in Johnson City, which trains its members for a variety of roles in disaster response in the Hill Country.*

### ◆ Volunteers in Mission

What is VIM? How do you get started? How do you form teams and what teams are available in our area?

*Session leaders are Judy Hutcherson, RN. of Fredericksburg UMC and Dr. Mickey Little of FUMC Johnson City. Both are very active in Missions and VIM projects.*

### ◆ Local Missions and Outreach

The purpose of this session is to help local church Missions Committees to identify and select ministries that can impact the community. We will identify how the Angel Food Ministry allows a church to both create and benefit multiple local ministries.

*Session Leaders are Dr. David Pope of St. Paul's UMC, Kerrville and Bill Dunn of First UMC, Kerrville. Dr. Pope has been instrumental at organizing Mission Trips for within our conference and in New Mexico. Mr. Dunn chairs the Outreach Ministries Committee at FUMC, Kerrville..*

◆ **Guidelines for Lay Leaders – Leading Your Congregations.**

Includes the roles and responsibilities of Lay Leader, Lay Members to the Annual Conference and Lay Speakers. We will review essential leadership functions, spiritual disciplines, and resources available for further study. Pray for guidance of the Holy Spirit during this important Session

*Session leader is Bob Molder. He is the Kerrville District Lay Leader and serves on the Leadership Development Committee. Bob is a member of First UMC, Kerrville.*

◆ **United Methodist Women**

Kerrville District UMW will present a classroom format education program to educate the attendees as to the purpose of United Methodist Women. Working for spiritual, social, and environmental improvement in the lives of children, youth, and women is our purpose and we will explain how we accomplish this in this session.

*Led by current Kerrville District UMW President, Schatzie Norris. Schatzie leads 29 UMW units in their mission of being about mission locally and around the world. She is a member of Gaddis Memorial UMC in Comfort.*

◆ **Stephen Ministry**

Stephen Ministry is a program that equips lay persons to provide distinctively Christian one-on-one care to those who are experiencing all kinds of life needs and circumstances to the local congregation and community.

*This session will be led by a team of Stephen Ministers from FUMC, Kerrville.*

◆ **Opening Doors to Interfaith Dialog**

Interfaith dialog involves the intentional engagement of Christians with persons who hold other faith perspectives for purposes of mutual respect, understanding, cooperation, and transformation. “*Dialog*” may be as informal as a conversation in the marketplace or as formal as the leader of one religious group explaining to others its traditions, beliefs, and worship practices. It allows communities of people holding different convictions to reach out to one another. At its deepest level it involves both learning about another’s faith and sharing one’s own faith through treasured stories, images, and actions. If you are interested, please join our discussion of ways to prepare and ways to being this process.

*Rev. Linda Gwathmey is currently serving as an Associate Pastor at Windcrest UMC in San Antonio. She is **not** an expert but a beginner at developing interfaith relationships and engaging in interfaith dialog. She invites you to join her on her journey toward interfaith community.*

◆ **Church Outside the Box**

Many of us long for our churches to grow. The trouble is we often don't know where to begin to spur that growth on. Have you ever wondered "HOW" to reach new people in your community with the good news of Jesus Christ? In this workshop you'll get a chance to interact with others around the topic of creative, practical strategies to help your church learn to live outside the box of your church's four walls and connect with people who call your community home, but may not yet have a church home. Come ready to learn, grow and share ideas!

*Presenter for this session is Rev. Scott Bradford, pastor of FUMC Uvalde.*

## ◆ **Music and Worship for the Small Membership Churches**

What can you do with your music ministry and worship in a small church? You'll be surprised to find out! Come and listen to Rev. Ron Welborn as he gives a fresh perspective on the worship and music experience for the Small Membership Church. Bring your ideas and questions.

Rev. Ron Welborn is a member of the SWTC Commission on Small Membership Church and is Associate Pastor at FUMC Seguin.

## ◆ **Evangelism – Time to Christian Up!**

Come and hear about how local mission and outreach in a congregation can help grow your church. Learn ways to use technology to assist in your ministry with the use of software and other tools.

Presenters for this session are Rev. C.J. Tillinghast, Associate pastor at St. Paul's UMC and Tom Richardson, Chair of Evangelism at St. Paul's UMC.

## ◆ **Charting the Course**

Our United Methodist Mission Statement is to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. But do we all understand what a disciple is and how to develop one? *Charting the Course* is a workbook created to enable local congregations to develop and intentional plan for forming disciples and leaders. This workshop will preview the step-by-step process churches can use to help persons at all stages of faith grow deeper in their love of God and others.

*Session leader is Rev. Nancy McDougall, Ordained Deacon in the SWTC. She provides resources in Christian Education to small and mid-sized churches.*

*Robert Molder is the Kerrville District Lay Leader and is a member of FUMC, Kerrville.*

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### **SESSION SCHEDULE**

#### **Morning Session**

**10:00 to 11:30**

*Sessions offered:*

Finance

Guidelines for Lay Leaders

Trustees

Charting the Course

Local Missions and Outreach

Music and Worship for the Small Membership Church

Evangelism

#### **District Celebration Banquet**

**11:45 to 1:00**

Served in the Fellowship Hall.

Reservations are requested in advance.

#### **Afternoon Sessions I and II**

**1:15 to 2:00 and 2:15 to 3:00**

*Sessions offered:*

UMW (I)

Church Outside the Box (1)

Volunteers in Mission (1)

District Disaster Relief Information (II)

Stephen Ministry (II)

Stewardship /Good Sense (one session 90 minutes)

PPRC/SPRC (one session 90 minutes)

Opening Doors to Interfaith Dialog (one session 90 minutes)

**REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE: JANUARY 21, 2011**

**Mail this form to the:**

**Kerrville District Office  
222 Sidney Baker South, Suite 528  
Kerrville, TX 78028**

**– or register by phone at 830-896-6400.**

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◆ **Pre-registration with a check for all banquet reservations will ensure a speedy check-in.**

◆ **Persons registering at the door will be seated at the banquet on a space-available basis; To secure a meal, contact the District Office by January 21, 2011.**

◆ **Please make checks payable to “Kerrville District” - \$12.00 per person.**